

640.0 NDSU Main Research Station

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Goals and Objectives

Goal: 1	Goal 1. Education Excellence -- strive for excellence and improve quality learning for students which ensure knowledge and competency in their chosen discipline and emphasize strong communication skills, analytical thinking, use of technology, and interpersonal skills.		
	Objectives	Timeframe	Accomplishments/Status
1	Objective 1 Use appropriate IT to provide stakeholders up-to-date research-based educational information including presentation visuals, web-based dissemination, and non-simultaneous learning opportunities.	Ongoing	
2	Objective 2. Use appropriate IT to develop research-based educational materials to enhance stakeholder access and understanding.	Ongoing	
Goal: 2	Goal 2. Access -- Emphasize enhanced use of technology to improve access to programs and services and as a regular component for instructional services and research		
	Objectives	Timeframe	Accomplishments/Status
1	Objective 1. Use appropriate IT to provide research results, educational materials, and limited amount of research data (e.g., NDAWN, GPS/GIS) in a format that stakeholders can readily retrieve, such as internet, video conferencing, video tapes, and compact disks	Ongoing	
2	Objective 2. Use appropriate IT to deliver effective distance educational programs to locations near stakeholders.	Ongoing	
3	Objective 3. Use appropriate IT to respond to requests from stakeholders for information including telephone, e-mail, and printed materials from electronic storage (e.g., Docutech).	Ongoing	
Goal: 3	Goal 3. Relevant programs -- align programs and services with student interests and future needs of business, communities, and the state.		
	Objectives	Timeframe	Accomplishments/Status
1	Objective 1. Use IT to develop relevant educational and research programs	Ongoing	
2	Objective 2. Use IT to access research-based information available from other entities that can be used to complement NDSU agriculture's research and educational efforts.	Ongoing	
3	Objective 3. Use IT to demonstrate how stakeholders can use IT to access relevant research-based educational information from NDSU and other entities	Ongoing	
4	Objective 4. Use IT to receive input from stakeholders in identifying issues that need to be or are being researched and addressed as part of agriculture's educational efforts.	Ongoing	
Goal: 4	Goal 4. Leadership in research -- provide leadership in addressing the high priority research and development needs and opportunities for the state		
	Objectives	Timeframe	Accomplishments/Status
1	Objective 1. Use appropriate IT to research issues relevant to stakeholders	Ongoing	
2	Objective 2. Investigate emerging IT to determine whether it can be adopted to enhance agriculture's research and outreach educational programs; GPS/GIS, video conferencing, "streaming onto the web," and interactive and non-simultaneous learning opportunities are several examples.	Ongoing	

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Goal: 5 Goal 5. Learning environment -- provide an up-to-date and innovative environment for students, faculty, employees and the public

Objectives	Timeframe	Accomplishments/Status
1 Objective 1. Acquire and use IT that allows stakeholders access to innovative learning opportunities	Ongoing	
2 Objective 2. Use IT to allow faculty, specialists, agents and stakeholders access to distance learning opportunities to complement NDSU agriculture's educational programs.	Ongoing	
3 Objective 3. Demonstrate IT that stakeholders can adopt for use in their business and personal activities.	Ongoing	
4 Objective 4. Provide IT training opportunities for faculty, specialists, agents, staff, administrators to assure agriculture is able to make maximum use of emerging IT and to assure we are prepared to demonstrate IT to stakeholders through our applications.	Ongoing	
5 Objective 5. Replace IT equipment on a 3- to 5-year cycle to assure access to emerging IT for agriculture's research and educational efforts.	Ongoing	
6 Objective 6. Install IT in several classrooms/learning centers to provide stakeholders access to IT-based learning opportunities, and opportunities to learn about and use IT.	Ongoing	

Goal: 6 Goal 6. Public confidence -- document the performance and effectiveness of the North Dakota University System

Objectives	Timeframe	Accomplishments/Status
1 Objective 1. Enhance IT inventory system and data to assure agriculture understands the scope of its IT system and its opportunities to maximize effectiveness and efficiency	Ongoing	
2 Objective 2. Develop an IT advisory group to create a vision of how agriculture can use IT to address stakeholder informational needs; issues include using IT to meet agriculture's research and educational goals, establishing web standards, developing a system to report accomplishments, providing technical support for the organization, and adopting emerging IT such as video conferencing.	Ongoing	
3 Objective 3. Cooperate with NDSU and other state government offices to alter accounting practices to improve the ability to track IT expenditures, such as establishing TCC for IT expenditures.	Ongoing	

Goal: 7 Goal 7. Cooperation -- improve educational opportunities and services among the campuses, K-12, and other entities through cooperation and collaboration

Objectives	Timeframe	Accomplishments/Status
1 Objective 1. Continue to work with NDSU, NDUS, ITD and county government to maximize efficiency in maintaining and enhancing connectivity	Ongoing	
2 Objective 2. Work with government and private entities to learn about emerging IT capabilities and applications to maximize understanding/vision and minimize repetitive study.	Ongoing	
3 Objective 3. Cooperate with communities to establish learning centers where stakeholders can access information available via IT, and learn about IT capabilities, applications and uses.	Ongoing	

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Activity	Priority	Activity Type	Start Date	End Date		99-01	01-03	03-05
1 Ag Exp Station Maint	1	Maintenance/Base	Ongoing					
Maintain current software licenses; replace computer equipment on a 3- to 5-year cycle; staff training; use the internet for information dissemination; maintain web site; explore and implement video-conferencing and web instruction; provide access to instructional materials via the internet					IT PLAN ESTIMATED COST	\$0	\$1,836,000	\$1,891,000
					BASE BUDGET REQUEST		\$1,836,000	
					OPTIONAL BUDGET REQUEST		\$0	
					BUDGET NONAPPROPRIATED		\$0	
Activity	Priority	Activity Type	Start Date	End Date		99-01	01-03	03-05
2 Extension/AES techn	2	New Initiative	07/2001	06/2003				
provide IT training and technical support to organization so faculty/specialists/agents can train/demonstrate for residents on the use of IT for information gathering and business expansion; salary and operating for 2 IT trainers and 1 IT technician; work with NDSU, NDUS and ITD to adopt video conferencing capability at several RECs and interested communities					IT PLAN ESTIMATED COST	\$0	\$98,885	\$103,000
					BASE BUDGET REQUEST		\$0	
					OPTIONAL BUDGET REQUEST		\$98,885	
					BUDGET NONAPPROPRIATED		\$0	
Justification:								
This initiative is directed towards helping diversify and provide economic opportunities to help stabilize the financial base of rural communities; technological advances will lead to new opportunities; North Dakota citizens would receive training on the use of the internet, video conferencing, digital technologies, and electronic mail								
Impact on other activities:								
Fund three IT positions to enhance the organization's ability to provide additional technical IT support and user-training								
Total Agency					IT PLAN ESTIMATED COST	\$0	\$1,934,885	\$1,994,000
					BASE BUDGET REQUEST		\$1,836,000	
					OPTIONAL BUDGET REQUEST		\$98,885	
					BUDGET NONAPPROPRIATED		\$0	